PUT AN END TO THE SPORT.

A MINISTER INTERVENES TO STOP CHICKEN FIGHTING.

Two Small Boy Promoters Are Arrested by the Humane Agent-Boys Claim Minister Was Watching the Mains.

Dudley rlock and James Block, aged 16 and Is years respectively, were arraigned before Police Judge Gifford yesterday on a charge of holding a cocking main in their father's back yard at 100 Garfield avenue. The complaining witness was James P. Dew, of 146 Euclid avenue. During the week Mr. Dew is a real estate dealer. He preaches the gospel on Sunday.

A high board fence separates the Block and the Dew yards. Rev. Dew can stant on his back porch and look into the Block yard. The Block boys told Judge differd that Mr. Dew had never objected to the fighting of the game chickens; they said he had often looked over the high board fence and taken an absorbing interest in the outcome of the fights.

"Why, he used to come and watch us and laugh as much as we did and he never said anything about it being wrong," testified one of the boys.

"He told as the other day," said Dudley, that he used to fight chickens and bulldors all the time when he was a boy."

The Rev. Mr. Dew winced a triffe at this testimony, but the gravity of his countenance never relaxed. It was made pretty clear in the testimony that the chief reason for the arrest grew out of the fact that the dead body of a game rooster had been found one morning in the Dew yard, where it remained but a brief snell when it sailed over the fence and found lodging in the Dow enclosure.

The rooster alternated between the two Dew, of 189 Euclid avenue. During the

where it remained but a brief spell when it sailed over the fence and found lodging in the low enclosure.

The rooster alternated between the two yards, until finally Rev. Mr. Dew cailed on Humane Officer Greenman to arrest the loys and put a stop to the chicken fighting on the ground that it was cruel. The defendants yesterday proved that the chickens were not supplied with gaffs, that no money changed hands on the result of the fights and that no admission price was charged to witness the mains. Maurice Block, the father of the boys, is a commission merchant, and he was in court to defend his sons. He said he gave the boys money to buy game cocks with, and that he would sooner have them stay at home and watch chicken fights than to loaf around the streets and get into trouble.

'Chief of Police Hayes and Judge Gulnotte live right near us," said Mr. Block, senior, ''and they never uttered an objection to the boys fighting chickens."

Judge Gifford announced that he would make his decision next Thursday. It was the general impression that the Block boys would not be fined.

WOMEN REMOVE THEIR HATS. Requested to Do So at General Conference of Latter Day Saints Yesterday.

President Joseph Smith, at the general conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, yester-day read a note signed by twelve women in attendance at the conference, asking that all women present remove their hats.
President Smith treated the subject semi-humcronsly, but it had the effect Intended.
The quorum of twelve introduced a reso-lution to restrict the powers of deacons and teachers to the fields of labor specifically teachers to the fields of labor specifically assigned to them. This matter was discussed at length and laid over until Monday. A resolution reciting that Shinn's school history of America misrepresented the teachings and contents of the "Book of Mormon," and directing a committee to endeavor to have corrections made, was adonted.

The morning prayer service was conducted by Elders H. A. Stebbins and I. L. Regers. Elder T. J. Sheppard, of Joplin, Mo., preached the morning sermon. Benediction was pronounced by Elder McDowell. President Smith will preach in the temple at 11 o'clock this morning. The first qurum of elders will meet in the basement of the church to-morrow morning. The of the church to-morrow morning. The deacons of the church will hold a meeting deacons of the church will hold a meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The quorum of seventy will meet at 8:30 to-morrow morning. The quorum of twelve has been in secret session since the conference began and it is expected an important report will be submitted to the conference by that body.

SHAWNEE'S BIG ENCAMPMENT. Grand Army Men of the West to Meet

Next May-Prominent Speakers Secured. C. N. Points of Shawnee, O. T., adjutant

general of the G. A. R. of that department, was in Kansas City yesterday advertising the great gathering of the G. A. R. that the great gathering of the G. A. R. that takes place at Shawnee May 17 to 29. The preparations have been started on a magnificent scale and will be fully carried out. The list of speakers includes General John C. Black, formerly pension commissioner; ex-Senator J. J. Ingalls, Governor C. M. Barnes, Dennis Flynn, Congressman Railey, W. J. Bryan and many others. The encampment includes all of the G. A. R. hembers of the territory, and will be one of the interesting gatherings of the early summer there.

WILL WATCH THE GOAT.

District Pythian Conclave at Which Three Ranks Will Be Conferred Friday Night.

A district Knights of Pythias cor will be held at Kansas City next Friday will be held at Kansas City next Friday night at Woodland hall, 1615 Grand ave-nue. Grand Chancellor Sullinger, of King City, Mo., and other grand officers of Mis-souri and Kansas will be present.

Between 500 and 1,000 Pythians are ex-pected to be present and witness the con-ferring of all three of the ranks. The twelve local lodges will assist in this exemplifica-tion.

tion.
Lodges have been invited from Ray, Clay, Jackson, Lafayette, Cass and Johnson counties.
Supper will be served at the hall of Kansas City lodge No. 1, Fourteenth street and Grand avenue.

A New Store in Town.

There's a new shoe store in town. It's a "corker" in every detail, worth one's time to visit, whether shoe shopping or merely interested in a beautiful store. The Ben Bolt Shoe Co. will be a success, undoubtedly, if Kansas City people show an inclination to natronize a well lighted. doubtenry, it kansas chy people show an inclination to patronize a well likhted, handsomely decorated store, filled with the latest in footwear for men, ladies, misses, boys and children at very close prices. You'll find them at 1619 Walnut. They had a rush of trade yesterday.

Excursion to Marshall, May 1.

The Independent Order of Shipping Clerks ill give its annual excursion to Marshall, to. Sunday, May 1, over the Alton. The rains will leave the Union depot at 8, 8:15 will give its annual excursion to Marshall, Mo. Sunday, May I, over the Alton. The trains will leave the Union depot at 8, 8:15 and 8:30 a.m.; returning, leave Marshall at 6 p. m. The fare for the round trip will be 3!

A Brother of Captain Sigsbee Here.

L. P. Sinsbee, of New York, who is a brother of a aptain Sinsbee, who command-ed the Maine, when she was blown up at Havana, is at the Coates House. He is a traveling man for a New York suit house. He has not seen his brother since the ex-plosion, but has heard from him frequently.

Small Pire in Hall Building.

Crossed electric wires caused a small fire in a storeroom on the second floor of the Hall building at Ninth and Walnut streets about 2:20 yesterday afternoon. It was ex-tinguished with a loss of \$150.

The Great Test ! Of a pure soap is-will it shrink wool? If



something injuriousin it. For toilet-for bath -for wan't ing dainly articles, use a soap so pure that it won't shrink wool.

BY MANA I WISH MINE That's

WAS IT MURDER OR ACCIDENT? BETWEEN 50 AND 100 DEAD.

Curtiss Cutcome died last evening at the

Curtiss Cutcome Dies From Injuries Received in an Unknown Manner.

St. Joseph's hospital of cerebral meningitis. Behind his death there is a mystery that none of his relatives can unravel. Curtiss was found unconscious in his room at the St. Louis hotel, Sixteenth and Genesee streets, Thursday morning. He came there Friday night on a cattle train over the Santa Fe road from Raton, N. M. He had been employed by the road as a bollermak-er, and resigned of his own accord, the er, and resigned of his own accord, the ompany giving him an excellent letter of economendation. He went direct from the rain here to the hotel, where he told the andlerd he was very tired and had a leadache. He was shown a room and immediately retired. Thursday morning about o o clock he was found unconscious in his own. Police Surgeon Longan was summoned and found Cutcome was suffering rom cerebral meningitis, which had probbily resulted from concussion of the brain, a the middle of the forehead was a reduark, as if to indicate that a few days become he had been struck with some blunt instrument.

tcome was removed to St. Joseph's hosall. He had 39 and a draft for \$100 on Raton bank in his pocket, so that it is thought he was assaulted for the pur-te of robbery. The surgeons at the hos-al say that possibly he fell in one of the while making the trip, striking his ad.

cars while making the trip, striking his head.

Yesterday morning his father and mother, Mr, and Mrs. William Cutcome, of Columbus Junction, Ia., arrived at the hospital. Their son did not recognize either of them. Mrs. Cutcome said yesterday that her son was to accompany a schoolmate, Will Parsons, to Klondike, and they had been corresponding for months relative to the trip. Parsons left two weeks ago and is now in Edmonton, Canada. Mrs. Cutcome yesterday opened a letter addressed to her son, in which Parsons said he would wait at Edmonton for Curtiss, and also that he had already purchased the necessary mining utensils for their trip.

Cutcome graduated from Ames college, Ames, Ia., as a civil engineer last spring. His remains will be taken to his parents home for burial to-day.

HENRY KAUFMANN DEAD.

He Raised the First Union Flag in Jackson County When the War Ended.

Word was received here yesterday of the

death in San Francisco Thursday of Henry Kaufmann, an old settler of Kansas City. Nearly two years ago, after recovering somewhat from a severe attack of pneumonia, Mr. Kaufmann visited his daughter in California in the hope that the climate of that state would restore him to health. The body, accompanied by his widow and daughter, will arrive in Kansas City Tuesday for burial in Mount St. Mary's cemetery. The time of burial is not yet fixed. A daughter in this city is the wife of Joseph Rayburn. 2694 Forest avenue, foreman of hose company No. 18. His only son. William Vincent Kaufmann, is a produce dealer in Denver.

Henry Eaufmann was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1833. He came to America before he was 29, and, after several years spent in various Eastern cities, he came to Kansas City early in the 50s. His trade was that of a blacksmith and wagonmaker, and soon after his arrival here he established where Medical Parket. monia, Mr. Kaufmann visited his daughand soon after his arrival here he estab-ished a shop on Main, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and carried on his business on what was then considered a large scale. He became wealthy, but he lost his fortune afterwards through losing speculations. When the war ended he raised the first Union flag in Jackson county. His patriotic zeal for the Federal cause many times led him into physical encounters with those whose sympathies were with the South, and, in his later years, when he had retired from active pursuits, it was his chief delight to gather a circle of friends about him and indulge in reminiscences of the exciting days of war times. The funeral services will be held at the home of his son-in-law, Joseph Rayburn, 2994 Forest Fifth streets, and carried on his busines

Fatally Hurt by a Falling Tree. Lucian Jordan, 23 years old, died at the city hospital Friday night, and his body is now at Carroll's undertaking rooms awaiting shipment to-morrow morning to his home in Grand Pass, Saline county, Mo. Both his father and mother are dead. The injuries from which he died were received by him last January. He was a farmer, and while cutting down a tree on the farm was struck by it as it fell. His spine was injured, and he was brought to this city for treatment.

nis son-in-law, Joseph Rayburn, 2904 Fores

Death of Henry Biggs. Henry Biggs, a veteran of the late war, an ex-member of the Veteran Company A, and a member of Farragut-Thomas Post, G. A. R., died at 19 o'clock last night at the residence of Captain Henry J. Taylor, 1990 residence of Captain Henry J. Taylor, 1396 Grand avenue. He was 62 years of age and leaves a wife. For the past twelve years Mr. Biggs had followed the trade of a maintar in Kansas City.

Other Deaths and Funerals.

Ishmael Bell, son of J. E. Bell, 229 South-west boulevard, who died Friday, was taken to Lee's Summit yesterday for burtaken to Lee's Summit Jesselvas, ial.

Funeral services of William Erickson, who died at 1513 West Twenty-third street, Friday, will be held at his home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Union cemetery.

Alexander McHenry Meador, who died at

cemetery.

Alexander McHenry Meader, who died at the Centropolis hotel, Thursday, was taken to his home in Lawrence, Kas., yesterday, for burial. A short funeral service was held at the hotel.

held at the hotel.

Norman Washington, infant son of George Washington, 577 Forest avenue, died yesterday. Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Union cemetery.

Funeral services of Mrs. Dashia Wellington, wife of R. K. Wellington, 700 Washington street, who died Friday, will be held at her late home this afternoon at 20 clock. Burial will be in Union cemetery.

John Buckner, 58 years old by occupa-

Burial will be in Union cemetery.

John Buckner, 58 years old, by occupation an expressman, died at his home, 1999 Highland avenue, yesterday, from heart failure. When the first symptoms of the fatal attack manifested themselves Dr. F. T. Van Eman was hastily summoned, but the stricken man died before the physician reached him. Funeral services will be held at the Second Baptist church at 11 o'clock to-morrow. Burial will be in Union cemetery.

MR. BUCHAN'S DELEGATION. He Selects the Men Who Will Repre-

sent Wyandotte County at Congressional Convention. W. J. Buchan, Wyandotte county's Re-

publican candidate for congressman from
the Second district, met last night with a
number of his friends in Kanass City,
Kas., and named his delegation to the Ottawa convention. The delegates and alternates follow:
Delegates—J. O. Fife, H. M. Downs, J.
S Ferkins, C. S. McGonigal, W. D. Mathias, Alexander Marr, Alexander Addison, D. E. Cornell, McCabe Moore, Dr.
G. M. Gray, Raigh Johnson, George W.
Martin, George Y. Miller, S. H. Whisher,
Charles P. Dennison, R. F. Westfall, T.
J. Enright, Charles E. Lobdell, L. G.
Smith, N. E. Bishop, W. E. Stemen, J. S.
West,
Alternates—F. O. Wheeler, J. R. Whispublican candidate for congressman from West,
Alternates—F. O. Wheeler, J. R. Whisner, F. D. G. Harvey, Alfred H. Weston,
John Mank, L. G. Ferguson, F. H. Betton, J. W. Longfellow, Mark Cromwell,
Maurice L. Ailen, J. A. Smith, W. L.
Witmer, George H. Miller, H. C. O'Dell,
James Thacher, J. E. Bachan, George W.
Gulley, J. B. Campbell, Winfield Freeman,
Thomas E. Moodey, W. T. Atkinson, C. H.
Smelker

CITY NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS. Liberty lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M., of Liberty. Mo., will confer the third decree on three candidates Monday evening. May 11. A number of Kansas City Masons will go over to participate in the ceremonies. The Rescue Mission Association, an organization of independent Christian workers, with headquarters at 132 Independence avenue, has begun its summer evangelistic campaign. It will work in this city and send missionaries out to other cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Warren Drummond, of 3218 East Seventh street, are receiving the congratulations of friends on the abvent of a ten-pound son, born April 2. Mr. Drummend is chief operator for W. A. Michaels Commission Company, of this city.

city.

Albert Pike lodge, No. 219, A. F. & A. M., will give its third annual reception in its lodgerooms, Masonic building, 248 Walnut street, Thesalay evening, Musical and literary programme, 8:30 to 10 o'clock; dancing, 9 to 11:30 o'clock, Dainty refreshments will be served.

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The registers of the leading hotels last evening showed that a very large number of people were in the city to hear Melba sing. The arrivals were from nearly all of the many good cities tributary to Kansas City and were sufficiently numerous to add materially to the business of the houses.

DYEA TRAIL HORROR WORSE THAN AT FIRST THOUGHT.

Lewis Weidlein, of Kausas City, Was One of the Victims-Two Young Farmers From Near Holden Also Perished.

Skaguay, Alaska, April 4, via Victoria B. C., April 9.-The horror on the Dyea trail is growing in magnitude hourly. As the work of rescue proceeds, it becomes more apparent that many more lives were lost than at first thought possible. It is now believed that between fifty and 100 men and women were killed by the avalanche. Many bodies will never be recovered until the summer sun melts the tons of snow and ice that now bury them from sight. Two or three thousand men are working in relays of as many as can stand side by side shoveling away the debris in search of the dead and dying. Twenty-two dead bodies have been recov-ered and identified and twenty-five have been taken out alive.

Lewis Weidlein, who was killed in the avalanche on the Chlikoot pass April 2, lived at 1101 Minnesota avenue, Kansas



L. M. WEIDLEIN. L. E. BLODGETT. WILL H. KLEPPER. (From a photograph taken at Seattle just before they took steamer for the Klon-

City, Kas., with his parents. He left Kansas City about the 1st of February with Will H. Klepper, of 621 East Fourteenth street, and Will Blodgett, who had been for some months night clerk at the Brunswick hotel. The relatives of Mr. Klepper and Mr. Blodgett have had no word as to their safety and are greatly worried over the reports. The three men went to the Klondike in company and expected to stay with each other in their ventures. The last word from the party was in a letter that came about two weeks ago. When it was written the men were in camp not far from Dyea and were together. They had done well and were well pleased with their venture.

bean soup with dumplings, and baked apricot dumplings. So you see we are not suffering for anything to eat.

"Mamma, you ought to be here and see some of the wood we have. We can step out side of cur tent and get wood that is some of the wood we have. We can step out side of our tent and get wood that is from twelve to twenty-four inches thick. Chopping wood is fine exercise out here. This is surely a beautiful country—great mountains, glaclers, waterfalls, canons and last but not least, its people, for they won't let you look at them for less than two bits (25 cents). I tell you it is a pienic when you get on top of a hill with a load of 169 pounds, that is all one person can transport at one time. We unload at the top, jump on our sleds and away we go down the mountain for another load. It is fun sliding down but it's just the reverse going up. It takes three hours to make a trip. We are just fifteen miles from Dyea and right in a valley about one mile wide and ten miles long. The whole valley is covered with little tents and the occupants are not all men by any means. However, it is hard to tell the difference between the men and the members of the fair sex. fair sex.
"Don't get uneasy about us when

Then't get uneasy about us when you read thrilling stories about life in Alaska, for there is very little truth in the newspaper reports. We can't believe anything we read up here. We are like the fellow from Missouri—they have to show us. We have struck a place where we can catch cattish, various kinds, and they are easily captured. Billy and I worked three days while we were waiting for our stuff to cattish, various kinds, and they are easily captured. Billy and I worked three days while we were waiting for our stuff to come and made \$1.50 per day, which helped out our cash account considerably. For the past two days it has snowed all the time, but to-day it is just like spring. The snow is drifted so that in some places it is fifteen feet deep.

"We are just as well as can be except for colds, and they don't last long. I have heard of towns building up in one day, but this is the first time I have ever seen it done. If you go home in the evening and don't go downtown until the next morning you would not know the place. I have taken one bath since I left home, and sometimes go for two or three days without washing my face. This is because I don't get a chance. I wish you could see the glacters up here. Some of them are fifteen feet thick. It looks queer to see men and women drawling sleds londed with stuff, in line with mules, horses, dogs, goats and everything that will carry a pound. How are the babies and everytoody else? For this letter is for everyone who wants to know anything about ree.

Grip & Colds

FRIENDS OF "SEVENTY-SEVEN"

Will try for other diseases Dr. Humphreys' Specifics, they act directly upon the disease without exciting disorder in other parts of the system.

Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Weak Stomach are cured by No. 10. Rheumatism and Lumbago are overcome

by No. 15. Skin Diseases, Salt Rheum, Erysipelas and Eruptions are quickly allayed by No. 14.

The Specific of greatest general use i No. 1 for Feverish Conditions: taken at the beginning "breaks up" the disease. Specific Manual to be found at Druggists, or sent free, tells all.

Sold by druggists or sent on receipt of price. Humphreys' Medicine Company, New York.

of the mountains. It is just beautiful. With lots of love I am, yours, LUTE."

The fact that at last reports the men were together and that Weidlein's name was given as among the killed and the names of the others did not appear leads their friends to hope they have escaped. There is no way to get word from there except to depend on the newspaper reports and await letters that may have been sent forward following the accident.

Weidlein had for several years been an employe of the Smith-McCord Dry Goods Company, and resigned his place there to go to the gold fields. Will Klepper was also an employe of that house. He was a salesman for the firm for three years and later was in charge of one of the departments in the house. He is married and has a daughter 6 years old. His parents live at Kidder, Mo. His wife and daughter have just returned from a visit at that place.

Holden, Mo., April 9.—(Special.) Dr. J.

Holden, Mo., April 9 .- (Special.) Dr. J Holden, Mo., April 9.—(Special,) Dr. J. R. Howerton, residing ten miles south of Holden, received a telegram to-day, informing him of the death of his two sons, Robert and Ben, who perished in the snow-side on the Dyea trail, Alaska, last Sunday, The boys were young farmers, residing near this place, who left for the Klendike country last month. Robert leaves a young wife and child. The remains were ordered brought here.

TRAMP RUNS A FOOT RACE. Leads Handily for Two Miles, but Falls Into the Hands of Lieu-

tenant Bray.

Lietenant Bray and Officer McHale yesterday captured two men wanted in Leavenworth, Kas., for robbing Switz & Thompson's hardware store last Thursday night. Officer McHale was walking his beat on Third street yesterday morning at 9 o'clock when he saw a tramp go into a second-hand store and offer to sell a new razor for 25 cents. He placed the man under arrest and found a number of razors and knives in his pockets. The tramp refused to tell where he got the knives and was locked up at Central police station. Lieutenat Bray talked to the man in the cell and finally learned that he had an accom-plice and that the bulk of the stolen plunier was hid in a field near Sheffield. The knives were identified as those stolen from the hardware store in Leavenworth recently. Bray and McHale went to Sheffield with Williams in Chief Hayes' buggy at noon and the tramp took them to a field along the Blue river, a short distance north of Sheffield. The tramp grew stolid after he had reached the field and pretended to have forgotten where the plunder had been hidden. He led the officers about the field for three hours searching in ditches and fence corners. They finally noticed that he always shunned a certain brushpile when they neared it and about 3 o'clock the officers tore the pile down and found, covered with dead grass and leaves, a big vallse which was filled with razors, knives and revolvers. knives were identified as those stolen from

ociock the officers tore the pile down and found, covered with dead grass and leaves, a big valise which was filled with razors, knives and revolvers.

Williams then told who his accomplice was and said he had an engagement to meet him there at 6 o'clock. Officer Mc-Hale hid himself with the prisoner in a ditch while Lieutenant Bray returned to Sheffield to get the horse and buggy. Shortly before 6 o'clock McHale saw a tramp coming along a road about a half mile away. The tramp was met by three more who came out of an old cabin. They told him that the officers had been searching about the field all the afternoon and he immediately turned into a field and started north. McHale left his prisoner with the station agent at Sheffield and started in pursuit of the second tramp. In the meantime Lieutenant Bray had come up with the horse and buggy, and started down the road that skirted the field in which the tramp was running. After running the tramp for two miles, he turned into a strip of ground without any fences around it.

Bray whipped the horse in hopes of capturing him before he could get to a fence or cross a ditch. The tramp reached a hedge fence and jumped over it when Bray was about 199 yards behind. Bray, who was fresh, and ready for a run, left the buggy and soon overhauled the fellow. The two tramps were brought to Central station at 7 o'clock last evening. The tramp who gave the two officers the long chase gave the name of Bert Sivenhart.

The Leavenworth authorities were notified of the capture of the two men by felephone last night. Bray and McHale will receive \$50 reward from the Leavenworth authorities for the capture of the two men. The vallee found in the brush pile contained \$200 worth of hardware.

street opposite the city hall and then he and his wife started up the street to look at some Easter bonnets, leaving their two small boys in the buggy. They had barely disappeared when two negroes stepped up to the buggy and took the package containing the suit of clothing, telling the boys that they had been sent for it by their father. The theft was reported to the police.

Suspected Forger Arrested. C. H. McMurray was arrested last night and charged with passing a forged check for \$25 on Grant Blake, proprietor of the West End hotel at the stock yards. The check was drawn on the Stock Yards Bank of Commerce and the name of H. C. Davis said to be forged to it. McMurray was traced to a disorderly house at \$25 Wyandotte street. Officers Lynch and Gillespie went to the place. Lynch going to the back door and Gillespie to the front door. McMurray jumped from a back window and was going over the fence when Lynch caught him. When searched at Central police station a check for \$10, said to be similar to the one he had passed on Blake, was found.

One Thief Caught, Two Escape. One Thief Caught, Two Escape.

Pinkerton Patroiman O'Neil caught three negroes trying to steal some packages from Doggett's dry goods store about 8 o'clock last night. He attempted to arrest the men but they ran in three directions. He followed one of them and the negro ran plump into the arms of Officer Collins at Eleventh and Walnut streets, He was taken to Central police station where he gave the name of Marion Johnson. When searched a razor and a long knife were found. He was locked up for investigation.

Bitten by an Unknown Man.

Thomas Tackett, of 3924 Baltimore avenue, a 17-year-old boy who is an inspector at the Boston store, quarreled with an unknown man at Thirteenth and Main streets about midnight last night, and was knocked down and bitten over the right eye, the teeth of his assailant cutting through the cyclid. Assistant Police Surgeon Pierce dressed the injury, and Tackett was sent home.

For Stealing & Bicycle.

Ernest Wilson, the 15-year-old son of B goats and everything that will carry a pound. How are the bables and everybody else? For this letter is for everyone who wants to know anything about me. Billy sends his regards to all. I will close this time, as it is setting bedtime and I have to read my Bible yet and must get up at 4 o'clock in the morning. Oh. I do wish you could see the moon shining on one side

"By Accident."

"By Accident."

He was a canvasser, and was speaking at a little dinner in connection with the local branch of the insurance society.

"Individuals in our profession," he remarked, "are generally regarded with suspicion. I have myself been told that the bigger the liar the better the canvasser. I scorn the aspersion. I never told a business lie in my life—except by accident. And I think I have succeeded in my own line."

Then the chairman spoke—

"About accidents, Mr. X. You have brothers. I believe?"

"Three, rir."

"Are they as liable to 'accidents' as your-self?" "Every one of them, sir!"
"You may proceed, Mr. X. By-the-by, lest I should forget you, you may bring those brothers of yours up to the office in

the morning."
And the brothers were duly engaged.

The March of Improvement.

A few weeks ago a beginning was made A few weeks ago a beginning was made with the demolition of the house immeniately adjoining the Elephant and Castie public house, and in a few days the well known South London tavern will itself be in the hands of the "house-breakers," says the Westminster Gazette. The removal of the block of buildings, one side of which is situated in Walworth road, and the other in Newington Butts, will prevent the congestion of traffic that has long characterized this tram and 'bus center. The locality is likely to retain the name of the famous old hostel, which was, in the early years of the century, the first stage from years of the century, the first stage from London on the road to Brighton.

The Burlington Route, The best line to Chicago.

THE NIGHT BEFORE EASTER.

STREETS OF THE BUSINESS SECTION THRONGED WITH SIGHTSEERS.

Great Crowds Turn Out to View the Beantiful Displays in the Windows-Like a Night During Carnival Week.

If the glory of Easter dawn is to be measured by the tranquil beauty of the night which preceded it, this will be a day to be looked back to for years to come Bright skies let fall a flood of sunshine yesterday and the temperature rose above the standard of the season. At sunset th the standard of the season. At sunset the city's crescent front was mirrored in a broad stream which for once flowed without a ripple and in place of its usual tawny hue presented a surface like burnished silver. Then the twilight was merged into night, the stars came out and immediately the Easter crowds began to throng the streets.

Always brilliant in the glow of innumer-Always brillant in the glow of innumer-able electric lamps, the extra efforts put forth by the merchants to attract atten-tion to their wares made the scene on Main and Walmut streets last night an en-chanting one. The air was fragrant with the perfumes of lilles and of roses, which were exposed in profusion in the florists windows and formed the chief feature of the decorations in stores and shows of windows and formed the cher feature of the decorations in stores and shops of every description. Except upon some holi-day or fete day the streets and sidewalks were never so densely crowded with hu-manity and there was needed only the mask and domino to make the carnival

manity and there was needed only the mask and domino to make the carnival complete.

There were all sorts of people in the throng that was forever on the move, all apparently having a destination which was never reached. Some halted for a time in front of the war bulletins and discussed the probable developments of the coming week; others poured into the stores, to emerge later laden with bundles which it was plain to be seen were to be opened up for Easter decoration, their contents ranging from a yard of bright ribbon for a pretty miss to a suit of store clothes for a small boy, or it might be a perfect dream of a hat for an older member of the family. At times there would be collected at some particular point such a crowd as might gather at a fire, or in the presence of the victim of a tragedy, but the magnet that attracted was invariably found to be an Easter display more than ordinarily well arranged. In the windows of one great emporium on Walnut street, behind a graceful arch of lilies of the valley, was an enormous Easter egg—it might have been of the roc, the mammeth and mythical bird emporium on Walnut street, behind a graceful arch of lilies of the valley, was an enormous Easter egg—it might have been of the roc, the mammoth and mythical bird of the Arabian Nights. It stood on end and half the upper section of the shell was removed. It was one solid mass without and within, of illies of the valley. In a wilderness of these lovely flowers, in the center of the shell, a beautiful woman appeared, half buried by the blossoms. In the background rose the spires of a cathedral, behind which there was a constant sunburst alternately bathing the entire scene in an electric flood of crimson, purple, blue or other vivid colors.

In another window a mammoth Easter illy rose from a pedestral gemmed with confections that gleamed like the richest jewels. Amid the petals of the flower a golden-haired child held aloft a dainty basket filled with daintiest sweets, the whole scene being multiplied many times over by the mirrors by which it was encircled. One of the loveliest window settings was that of a Main street florist. It was a massive cross formed of reddish brown galax leaves, set in a pedestral of green leaves of the same plant. From a canopy of delicate asparagus grass, four white doves were seen descending, while the window was filled with Easter lilies, lilies of the valley, daisies, purple hyacinths and ferns. Near by a richly clad child was a millinery store, and a close inspection was necessary to discover that it was an automaton.

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At every turn there was something new to attract a crowd of sightseers. In one place it was a blaze of diamonds, whose iridescence dazzled the eye of one clear across the street; in another it was a gorgeous display of hats, perfect dreams in flowers and fancy ribbons; again, it was a window devoted to a glove display, or an exhibit of the broad ribbons used this season for sashes and ties, or for trimming summer gowns, and resplendent in all the colors of the rainbow. There were wonderful displays of Easter eggs of every description, from the hand-painted china article, with its pansies and mottoes, to the larger pattern which had just hatched out a pretty infant clad in bright raiment.

It is not to be wondered at if amid this bewildering array of bonnets and dress goods, ribbons and parasols, and the thousand and one things the Kansas City merchants know so well how to place before their customers, thousands who went out simply to look on were tempted to buy, and that there was a whole barrel of money spent in Easter goods during the evening. Turn which way you would, there was everywhere the eager and curious crowd, the dazzling display of rich fabrics, the glow of a thousand electric lamps—everywhere the beauty of pansies and roses, of tulips and carnations, and the overpowering fragrance of the lily. It was such an Easter eve that should it come but once in a century it would repay the race for its trials and tribulations. But Kansas City has more of just such evenings than almost any other city in the land. The refor its trials and tribulations. But Kansas City has more of just such evenings than almost any other city in the land. The results of this particular one will be visible to-day on the streets and in the churches, and will speak for the prosperity of this metropolis of the Missouri valley and of the people more convincingly than volumes of words.

About Telegraph Poles. The number of poles used for telegraph The number of poles used for telegraph wires per mile varies from twenty to twenty-two on minor lines, to twenty-six to thirty on main lines. These poles are of regulation height, in order that the lowest wire shall not be less than twelve feet from the ground, and as the poles are set into the ground from four to six feet, they measure from twenty to twenty-two feet in length. The sag or dip varies, of course, with the number of poles per mile, and the condition of the atmosphere, but the average is about fourteen feet.

Son of a Sheriff Runs Away.

Clifford Dunham, 13-year-old son of Sher-iff Dunham, of Sedalia, Mo., was found by Officer Eldridge at the Missouri Pacific depot, Second and Grand avenue, last night. He ran away from his home yesterday



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Buffalo, N. Y.

"During the fall and winter of 1894 I was engaged in teaching at Public School No. 31, in Smith Co., near Tyler, Texas," writes Mr. J. P. Sneed, of Omen, Texas, "During this time my wife was badly afflicted with female weakness. We tried three of the best physicians in the county without benefit to my wife's health, but at great expense. My wife grew worse and we gave up in despair. She could not get in and out of doors without help. She was not able to stand on her feet long at a time, and complained of dragging down pains in the abdomen. Nothing but an untimely death seemed awaiting her. I wrote to Dr. Pierce for his advice. My wife took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and in six months was completly cured, at a cost of less than one month's treatment by the last physician we employed before consulting Dr. Pierce."

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MUSIC AND THE DRAMA. .

Mme. Melba, the queen of cantabile, was highly honored by Kansas City last night. The audience that filled the Coates opera house was both brilliant and enthusiastic, and-considering the necessarily "steep" scale of prices, owing to the lim ited capacity of the theater-perhaps paid the diva the highest pecuniary tribute "per capita" that she has ever received. In return for the somewhat exclusive prices, however, those who paid them had the advantage of being within satisfactory range of a delicate and fanciful opera, many of whose beauties would have been lost in the distance of a great auditorium. "The Barber of Seville" serves better as an alternating opera than as an exclusive bill. In a repertory such as the Damrosch-Ellis company has been giving in its long engagements, ranging from Wagner's trilogy to the lightest of the Italian standards, this work is a most refreshing change from the intensity of the music-dramas and the song-tragedies. But where engagements are limited to a single night, and especially in cities where great opera is rare, it is almost impossible to prepare one's self for a disassociation of the grand opera company and the grand opera itself. This is especially true when the company sings only in comic opera. range of a delicate and fanciful opera

company and the grand opera itself. This is especially true when the company sings only in comic opera.

So much for the predisposition, which is none the less a fact because the public knows what "The Barber of Seville" is. It is all the more creditable to the resources of Melba and her company that, in spite of the novel conditions, the audience was completely captivated.

Rossini is one of the greatest of Italian colorists. His music is alternately tripping and mellifluous. His recitative, which has less of the declamatory than that of any other of the standard composers, preserves the rythm and poetry of song even when it is little more than colloquial language. His fancy for light and precipitate pizzicata has set his singers numerous tasks that only the most accomplished artists can satisfactorily perform. The highest tribute to this particular work is that it has remained in favor in spite of all the changes that have been made in operatic writing and the numerous onslaughts against the school of which this is a striking example. Some

work is that it has remained by the spite of all the changes that have been made in operatic writing and the numerous onslaughts against the school of which this is a striking example. Some half dozen operas have been written on Beaumarchais' comedy, which served as a basis for the opera. One of these, written by Paisello, who was an old man when Rossini asked his permission to write on the same subject, had great vogue, but has scarcely been heard of in recent years.

We get all the intrinsic and ornamental values of Melba's voice in this work even if we do not get the degree of power displayed in such roles as Ophelia, Marguerite and Lucia. Melba's superb tones, her magical execution, her faulities enunciation, and the other qualities that go to make her the foremost soprano of the lyric school, are revealed in the singing of this ecore. There is a lacking of great arias, but there is an abundance of beautiful detail—a richness of those little things that only a great ariist can give commanding distinction.

From the delightful "Una Voce" to the beautiful waltz song at the close of the opera, this wonderful woman demonstrated her vocal perfection perhaps more clearly and more continuously than the imposing roles with which the public has been accustomed to associate her. In the lesson scene Melba sang Tosti's "Matinata," and for encore, "Swanee River," making in the latter the biggest hit of the evening.

There was a genuine surprise in Melba's work last night. She carried the part of the vivacious Spanish girl with the ease, the nalvette and the grace of a real dramatic artist. Those who have regarded her only as a stately woman, unyeleding to the demands of frivolous character impersonations, were convinced that she is an actress as well as a singer.

Campanari shared honors with Melba. It is doubtful whether there has ever been a more thoroughly capable and interesting Figaro from Zamboli, the original, down to these times. Thoroughly charged wig magnetism, possessed of a beautiful voice, with an artistic

more thoroughly capable and interesting Figaro from Zamboll, the original, down to these times. Thoroughly charged with magnetism, possessed of a beautiful voice, with an artistic method that admits of no criticism, with the mimetic art as completely at his command as the lyric, he dominated every scene in which Figaro is an assertive character. His "Largo al Factotum" was most admirably given. His comedy is delicious.

Salignac, the tenor, is less reliable than Campanarl, but his voice is a very pleasing one, and he sang with great earnestness, and entered into the spirit of the opera with genuine enthusiasm.

Carbone, the delightful buffo, made a great deal of the Bartolo, and played the old chump with most exquisite drollery. He was thoroughly in touch with the comedy and with the audience, and when, in the lesson scene, he said in English. "I think she has studled too much," the startling descent to everybody's level was electrically effective. Viviani, Mmc. Van Cautern and Mr. Van Hoose played and sang the lesser parts satisfactorily, and Bimboniled the orchestra with admirable skill.

AUSTIN LATCHAW.

His Holdap Story Discredited.

Henry Brooking, driver of the delivery wagon for the Woolf Bros. Clothing Company, reported to the police last night that he had been held up at Sixteenth and Central ways white men should 8:20 he had been held up at Sixteenth and Central streets by two white men about 8:30 o'clock and robbed of 49 cents and a brass ring. He gave a good description of the men and Detectives Ennis and Boyle were sent to investigate the case. They reported that they did not helieve Brooking's story, as a number of people who had been about that corner all evening had not heard of any holdups.

PERSONAL.

A. T. Trude, Chicago, is at the Coates. S. L. Hopper, Chicago, is at the Coates. C. B. Pitt, Philadelphia, is at the Coate R. W. Davis, Detroit, Mich., is at the George T. Cunningham, Boston, is at the

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Mrs. Mollie E. Lee, the police matron, was taken suddenly ill yesterday afternoom with congestion of the stomach and heart trouble. At 6 o'clock she was in a critical condition but her physicians, Dr. Shawhan and Dr. Lapp, revived her and about 19 o'clock she was pronounced out of danger. She was much improved early this morning.

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